

Should I Keep My Child Home from School?

Chicken Pox – Yes

Children with uncomplicated chicken pox may return to school on the sixth day after the onset of the rash or when the spots are all dried and crusted, whichever is longer.

Cold- No

If your child has mild symptoms such as stuffy nose with clear drainage, sneezing, mild cough may attend school if they are able to participate in school activities.

Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye) –Yes

Students may return 24 hours after treatment is started.

Cough- Yes

Keep your child home if the cough is persistent and productive coupled with thick or constant nasal drainage.

Diarrhea- Yes

Students should be kept home for 24 hours after the last episode of diarrhea without the use of medicine.

Fever- Yes

Students should stay home if their temperature is 100 degrees or more. Keep students home until fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-controlling medicine.

Fifths Disease- No

By the time the rash appears, children are no longer contagious and do not need to stay home.

Head Lice- Yes

Students may return after their hair has been treated and they are nit free. Students need to bring proof of treatment (medication box) and be checked by school personnel before being allowed back at school.

Impetigo-Yes

Student may return to school 24 hours after treatment starts. Sores should be covered when student return to school.

Meningitis- Yes

A note from a physician is required before student may come back to school.

Mononucleosis- Yes

A note from the physician is required before student may come back to school.

Poison Ivy- No

Poison ivy is not contagious. Open lesions should be covered when student is at school.

Ringworm- No

Student may come to school as long as the area is treated and is covered when the student is at school.

Strep Throat- Yes

Student may return to school 24 hours after treatment has been started and fever is no longer present.

Vomiting- Yes

Student should be kept home for 24 hours after the last episode of vomiting without the use of medicine.

For the protection of your student and employees, your child will be sent home if any of these symptoms, conditions, illnesses are found or suspected during the school day.

References: Oklahoma City County Health Department fact sheets